

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method for operating an apparatus having parental controls includes steps of providing access to the parental controls of the apparatus, determining whether at least one setting of the parental controls is changed during the access, and  
5 providing a notification to a user when at least one setting of the parental controls is changed during the access. According to an exemplary embodiment, the notification is provided to the user via an electronic mail message and/or is provided via a message stored in a memory of the apparatus which is retrievable by the user.

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